

## A SCHOOL OF SAILORS.

Three Years' Course Provided by the North German Lloyd.

Under the title of the North German Lloyd Training Ship for Cadets a school has been formed in Germany in which everything of practical value will be taught to the aspirants for appointments in the higher ranks of the merchant marine service. Work which traditions has linked with the training of the officer, but which in reality is mere waste of time, will be discarded, says the London Daily Mail, but work of the hardest description from which the slightest benefit will accrue will be thoroughly dealt with. A large, fast, four-masted sailing ship, to be christened Herzogin Sophie Charlotte, has been bought for the training ship. Every year she will sail as a trading vessel, carrying goods on long voyages. The crew of the ship will include, in addition to about 100 cadets, a captain, four officers, instructors and a doctor, as well as the necessary men. The cadets will live in a special portion of the ship, under the care of the officers and instructors.

A three years' course will be provided for the thorough training of the cadets, yearly engagements being entered into. During the first year the cadets, who as a rule must be under 18 years of age, are entered as boys. During the second year they are rated as ordinary seamen and during the third year as able-bodied seamen. For a fourth year the young officers are placed on one of the steamers of the North German Lloyd, where they act as warrant officers and quartermasters. By that time the requirements for the examination for a mate's certificate and for entrance into the Navigation school have been complied with. After obtaining the mate's certificate the former cadets are engaged, as far as possible, as fourth officers on board the North German Lloyd steamers, the other large shipping firms having also promised to specially consider the claims of the cadets.

In addition to every department of navigation being carefully taught on the Herzogin Sophie Charlotte, special attention is given to the English and French languages and to the commercial histories of the great sea powers, especially those of England and Germany.

## DEFEATED CANDIDATES.

How Three Statesmen Out of a Job Condoled with Each Other.

Senator Carter says that after the election of November, 1891, when a democratic tidal wave swept over the country, three statesmen out of a job met at the Union League club at Chicago accidentally and attempted to console each other. One was the chairman of the committee of ways and means of the house of representatives; another was the chairman of the committee on appropriations of that body, and the third was chairman of the republican congressional committee. As they exchanged condolences the chairman of the committee on ways and means said:

"Well, gentlemen, I don't feel so badly about it as you might expect. I have been in public life ever since I was a young man, living on my salary, and have never been able to get anything ahead. I look upon my defeat as a blessing in disguise—in fact, I am rather glad of it, for it will give me a chance to earn some money."

"I feel that way myself," said the chairman of the congressional committee. "I am not only a poor man, but I am in debt. If I should go into bankruptcy to-morrow I wouldn't be able to pay 50 cents on the dollar, and it worries me, and all this time I have been grubbing along and giving my services to Tom, Dick and Harry for \$5,000 a year, when I could make five times as much practicing law out in my country."

"Confound it, boys," said the chairman of the committee on appropriations, "I talk that way outside myself; but what in thunder is the use of lying to each other?"—W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record.

## A New Cement Plaster.

Large deposits of magnesite have been found in southern India and the officers of a Portland cement works at Madras have succeeded in producing a white cement plaster which has magnesite for a basis. This cement can be used for plastering walls and dries so speedily that rooms are ready for occupancy within 48 hours. It can be painted or else colored by mixing coloring matter.

## Cotton Industry in Italy.

There are now in operation in Italy in the cotton industry over 20,000 looms and more than 3,000,000 spindles. Italian-made cotton goods are now largely exported, especially to South America.

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Hippocrates' grave was discovered recently in Thessaly.

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Imitation thunder storms will be a feature of the Buffalo exhibition.

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The great Nile dam has been completed.

William Woodward, of Decatur, Ia., writes: "I was troubled with kidney disease, for several years and four one dollar size bottles of **Foley's Kidney Cure** cured me. I would recommend it to anyone who has kidney trouble." Sold by all druggists.

## Increased His Talent.

Mr. Elijah D. Henderson, who lives near the Pilot Rock, some six miles north of this place, was in the city the early part of this week, and in a conversation with the editor, told the following story:

At the beginning of the war between the States, his father, Horace Henderson, gave him a young mare which he kept till she was 14 years old. He swapped the mare for a mule, and then the mule for a mare, which he kept till it was 22 years old, and swapped her for another mare, which he owns now, and is a better one than he started with. From the three mares he has owned he has raised five mule colts, four of which he sold for four hundred dollars, and now he has a good two-year-old mule at home. Mr. Henderson has at least increased his talents to some extent; he did not wrap them up in a napkin.—Fairview Review.

"Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves."

Large things are but an aggregation of small things. If we take care of the small things, we are in effect taking care of the large things which the small things combine to make.

Take care of what you eat, and how you eat, and your stomach will take care of itself. But who takes care of such trivial things? That is why, some day, the majority of people have to take care of the stomach. When that day comes, there is no aid so effective in undoing the results of past carelessness as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It strengthens the stomach and restores the organs of digestion and nutrition to a condition of healthy activity. It cures biliousness, heartburn, flatulence, indigestion, palpitation, dizziness, cold extremities and a score of other ailments which are but the symptoms of disorder in the stomach and its allied organs.

## VERA'S VENTURE

Cap and Apron Were No Defense Against Cupid's Arrows.

"I WILL do it, auntie. I have quite decided, and nothing shall turn me from my purpose."

"But, my dear, think of what people will say."

"That matters little to me. Besides, no one will know, as Falconhurst is far away from here, and I don't know anybody about there!"

"But, Vera, would it not be more in keeping with your former position if you sought a place as a companion or governess?"

"A companion!" said Vera Wynston, in a tone of disgust. "Do you think that I could tolerate such a position? To live in anybody's house and be treated neither as one thing or the other; not to be considered the equal of the ladies of it, and yet not to be on a level with the servants, subject to all sorts of insults both from the mistress and maids! No, I think that my plan is a better one."

"But, Vera," remonstrated her aunt, "why can you not become a governess?"

"I am not fitted for that, auntie. My education, although tolerably good, is not one that would help me that way. What place would take me without a certificate?"

Her aunt shook her head; she knew that what Vera said was true. The life of a companion was in most cases not an enviable one, and her education, although equal to, if not better than, that possessed by most girls, could not now be turned to account. And yet, how could she bear that her little Vera, who had been as her own child, should go to Falconhurst as a common servant, an assistant housemaid!

But Vera had a very independent nature, and now that their circumstances were changed, she resolved to help herself and not be a burden on her aunt; so when a few days before she had read an advertisement in a paper for a housemaid, she had answered it, and determined to put aside her feelings and accept it until something better should come her way.

Two weeks later she arrived at Falconhurst and took up her duties. She had no idea how pretty she looked in her cap and apron, with her hair just brushed back in pretty little waves from her forehead. She had never been a conceited girl; and although people often called her pretty, she paid little attention to her looks.

And it did not enter her mind to think that somehow she looked very different from most other housemaids; however, she worked with a will, but tried to keep as much to herself as was possible.

One evening she had left cap and apron behind, and gone for a walk in a part of the grounds little frequented by the guests or owners of the place, when, as she turned the corner of an avenue a horse, galloping furiously along, nearly ran over her. She drew quickly aside, trembling in every limb. The rider quickly dismounted, and came to her side.

"I hope you are not hurt," he said. "I had no idea that anyone was about here, or would not have ridden so furiously."

Vera looked up and saw the face of Leslie Falconer looking down at her with a puzzled look in his eyes.

"Oh, I am only a little frightened!" she said.

Leslie Falconer had left home the day after she had arrived, so he had not seen her at all, and now imagined her to be a guest of his mother's whom she had told him she intended asking to spend a few weeks with her, and who was to arrive the day after he left.

"You have come to Falconhurst recently?" he asked.

"Yes."

"I am Leslie Falconer." And he held out his hand. "I am pleased to see you at Falconhurst at last."

Vera, out of a spirit of mischief, took the proffered hand.

"He evidently mistakes me for some one else," she thought.

So she chatted on to him, because it was like a glimpse of the old life to her, to be treated as a lady again after the rough ways of the servants.

"My mother wrote to tell me of the little dance she has prepared for this evening," he said, after a little break in the conversation. "Won't you keep a waltz for me?"

Vera stopped in the middle of the path; they had been walking back toward the house. He was leading his horse. A deep flush spread over her face.

"I was wrong to have allowed you to chat to me," she said. "I am only the housemaid." And hastily turning down a side path, she left him standing amazed in the middle of the avenue.

"Great Scott! Is it possible? Housemaid or not, though, she is a lady, I am sure. And what a nice face she has—not only pretty, but full of character. I wonder what has made her do it?"

Leslie sauntered on to the house, but all through the evening he could not get the pretty housemaid out of his mind.

Vera went back to her work on entering the house, very much annoyed with herself.

"I had no right to have forgotten, even for an instant, the position that I occupy here. And yet it was so pleasant to chat to him," she mused. "It seemed like old times. Ah! shall I ever have friends again?"

The next day, as Leslie sat half asleep in a chair in the library, he heard someone moving about the

room, and, turning round, he saw the girl who had chatted so pleasantly to him the day before standing by one of the bookshelves. She had been sent to dust the books, and on seeing him in the armchair she had entered so softly, hoping to finish her work before he awoke, that he had not heard her before.

"She does look nice in that cap and apron," he thought, and yet—he could not tell why—it gave him an uncomfortable feeling to see her in them.

"Good morning, Miss—" And he waited for her to supply the name.

"Good morning," she said, not noticing the fact that he evidently wanted to know her name. "He must suspect that I am not what I appear to be," she thought.

"Have you read that?" he asked, pointing to the book in her hand.

"I have," she answered, but so stiffly that he resumed his seat and said no more.

"She evidently does not wish me to speak to her," he thought, "so that, unless I want to be a cad, I must not notice her any more than I would another housemaid. She snubbed me just now, though. Fancy my being snubbed by a housemaid!"

But somehow it always happened that the owner of Falconhurst wanted something about the library just at the time the new housemaid went on to attend to her duties.

At first he told himself that he only wanted to befriend her, as she seemed so lonely, and then he thought that he would try and get her something better to do, "for her position must be intolerable," he thought. But as the weeks went on he knew that it was not friendship that made him seek Vera's society.

And she, what did she feel? At first she was very coy, not answering any questions that he asked her except in monosyllables, and never, if she could help it, keeping up any conversation with him.

But after a time she became less reserved, and grew to look on him as a friend, even acknowledging to him that she was a lady, but asking him to keep her secret.

"But," he thought, "I must not be too friendly, for it hardly seems the thing for the master of Falconhurst to make a friend of his mother's housemaid."

"I leave to-day, Mr. Falconer. Good-by!"

"Leave to-day? Why are you going?"

"For several reasons. You have been very good to me; thank you for it."

She turned to go. They were in the library. She had just finished her work, and so bade him good-by before she left the room. She found it



"I AM ONLY THE HOUSEMAID."

impossible to remain at Falconhurst, for—could she help it?—she had learned to care for Leslie, who, in spite of the humble position that she had taken up, had always treated her with as much deference and courtesy as he did his mother's guests.

"Vera, you shall not go!" he cried, striding after her and taking her hands. "My darling, do you think that I would let you leave me like this? Little one, don't you know how I have learned to love you?"

But one look at her face was enough for him to know that she loved him even as he loved her.

"But your mother—what will she say?"

"My dearest, have you not just now told me who you really are? Had I met you before your aunt's circumstances changed my mother would gladly have welcomed you as her daughter, so why should she not welcome you now?"

When, an hour later, Mrs. Falconer came into the library her consternation can be imagined on seeing the position of her son and housemaid.

"Leslie!" she exclaimed.

"Hush, mother, and let me explain. Vera has promised to be my wife."

"Your wife? You to marry a—" But he held up his hand.

"Can you not see that Vera is not what she has pretended to be? She is just as well born as we are. She is Col. Wynston's daughter."

"You, the daughter of Col. Wynston, of Wynston towers? Incredible!"

"It is true!" said Vera.

So Vera's venture ended happily for her; and her husband is wont to say that he will ever be thankful that she acted as she did, for it brought him the happiness of his life.—Forget-Me-Not.

## Let Him Down Easy.

"Sir," began young Tinkins, as he entered the presence of the dear girl's father, "I want to marry your daughter."

"Oh, don't bother me with your troubles," interrupted the old gentleman. "She told me some time ago that she intended to marry you, so you'll have to settle it between yourselves."

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